

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to a phone interview with Mark Williamson on 3/2/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 20, 21, 31, 32; renumbered as claims 1-4.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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*Examiner's Amendment*

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Mark A. Williamson (33,628) on 3/2/2006.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Cancelled claims 1, 4, 5, 8-12, 15-16, 19, 22, 23, 26, 27, 30, 33

Changed claim 20 to:

20. (Currently Amended) An information processing method comprising:  
a memory step of storing layout information in layout memory means,  
when document data is outputted to an output apparatus;

a first display step of displaying two or more kinds of objects included in  
the document data on a display screen, wherein the two or more kinds of objects  
include characters and objects other than characters;

an associating step of associating each displayed object with one of a  
plurality of size information having a relation between a size of a document output area  
and a size of an object when the document data is outputted to the output apparatus

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based on the layout information, wherein the size information associated with each of the two or more kinds of objects is function information, which is different for each of the two or more kinds of objects; and

a second display step of displaying the function information as a graph on the display screen, wherein said associating step includes associating the function information represented by the graph displayed in said second display step with an object corresponding to the function information.

Changed claim 31 to:

31. (Currently Amended) A memory medium storing a computer-readable program for implementing an information processing method, wherein the method comprises:

a memory step of storing layout information in layout memory means, when document data is outputted to an output apparatus;

a first display step of displaying two or more kinds of objects included in the document data on a display screen, wherein the two or more kinds of objects include characters and objects other than characters;

an associating step of associating each displayed object with one of a plurality of size information indicating a relation between a size of a document output area and a size of an object when the document data is outputted to the output apparatus based on the layout information, wherein the size information associated with

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each of the two or more kinds of objects is function information, which is different for each of the two or more kinds of objects; and

a second display step of displaying the function information as a graph on the display screen, wherein said associating step includes associating the function information represented by the graph displayed in said second display step with an object corresponding to the function information.